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PROCUREMENT OF AUTOMATIC MAIL PROCESSING MACHINES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Posts proposes to procure automatic mail processing machines for sorting of mail;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which it is likely to be procured; and

(d) the number of cargo planes with the Postal Department and the routes on which they are being used in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) Installation of automatic mail processing machines for sorting of mail forms a part of the 11th Five Year Plan scheme of the Department of Posts.The details of the machines and their procurement depends on approval of the Government.Automatic mail processing machines at Delhi and Kolkata were approved by the Government in 10th Plan, and action has already been initiated to firm up the request for proposals.

(d) The Department of Posts has chartered one Cargo plane from Air India for a period of one year.The cargo plane operates on Kolkata-Guwahati-Imphal-Agartala-Kolkata route six days a week.